

Application No. 10/523,839
Art Unit: 1728

Amendment under 37 C.F.R. §1.116
Attorney Docket No. 052077

AMENDMENTS TO THE DRAWINGS

The attached replacement sheets of drawing include changes to Fig. 3. Amendment of Fig. 3 is supported by Figs. 1 and 2, and does not include new matter.

REMARKS

(1) Claims 9-13, and 16-20 are pending in this application, of which claims 9 and 16 have been amended. No new claims have been added. Withdrawn claim 23 and 26-29 have been cancelled in this Response.

(2) The Applicant previously deleted original Figure 3 in the Response filed on August 26, 2010. Then, the Examiner states in the outstanding Office Action that the specification is objected to because all of the references/description related to original Figure 3 within the specification should be deleted (Item 1 of the Office Action). The Examiner further states that Applicant is required to furnish a drawing under 37 CFR 1.81(c) that is similar to deleted original Figure 3 to facilitate understanding of the invention (Item 2 of the Office Action).

In order to avoid numerous changes in the specification to delete all of the references/description related to original Figure 3 and to comply with the request to furnish a drawing to facilitate understanding of the invention as stated in Item 2 of the Office Action, Applicant herewith files a replacement sheet of the original Figure 3.

Applicant believes that the replacement sheet of original Figure 3 cures the objections stated in Items 1 and 2 of the outstanding Office Action.

(3) Claims 9-13 and 16-20 were rejected under 35 U.S.C. §112, second paragraph, as being indefinite for failing to particularly point out and distinctly claim the subject matter which applicant regards as the invention. The Examiner states that the expression “on the first face” in line 20 of each claims 9 and 16 is incorrect, since the tip with the acute angle is formed between the first face and the inclined surface according to Figure 1b.

In this Response, Claims 9 and 16 have been amended. As shown in Figure 1b and Figure 3, the ridges 4a have a tip having an acute angle and the acute angle is formed between the first face and the inclined surface. Amended claims 9 and 16 are not indefinite. Reconsideration of the rejection is respectfully requested.

(4) In view of the aforementioned amendments and accompanying remarks, Applicants submit that the claims, as herein amended, are in condition for allowance. Applicants request such action at an early date. If the Examiner believes that this application is not now in condition for allowance, the Examiner is requested to contact Applicants’ undersigned attorney to arrange for an interview to expedite the disposition of this case.

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If this paper is not timely filed, Applicants respectfully petition for an appropriate extension of time. The fees for such an extension or any other fees that may be due with respect to this paper may be charged to Deposit Account No. 50-2866.

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Attachment: Replacement sheet of Figure 3